

Story Resource : Jesus calls Philip

John 1 : 43-50

Make cards with the place names, (Galilee, Bethsaida, Capernaum, Nazareth) and place around the room. Instruct the children (individually or as a group) to stand each time a person's name is mentioned or to move to the place name cards when a place name is mentioned.

Philip was standing by **Lake Galilee** near the road from **Bethsaida**, when **Jesus, Peter** and **Andrew** came walking past. **Jesus** said to **Philip** and said "I'm leaving **Galilee** to go to **Capernaum**, to visit the temple. Will you follow me?" **Philip** said "Yes I'd love to follow you" and, after thinking for a moment, added, "Let me ask my friend to come and follow you too." Before **Jesus** could answer, **Philip** had rushed off.

Before long, **Philip** had found his friend, **Nathaniel**, sitting under a tree, "Come with me ! I've found him - the special one from **God**; the one **Moses** spoke about in the Law. Come on, he's waiting for us ! "

Nathaniel was stunned, "Who is it? What is his name?"

"It's **Jesus, Jesus** of **Nazareth**, you know , **Joseph**, the carpenter's son!" replied **Philip**.

Nathaniel laughed, "**Philip**, are you serious? Can anything good really come from **Nazareth**?"

"Well , come and see. He's waiting by the lake."

Nathaniel agreed and they went back to **Jesus**. As they approached, **Jesus** said "Here comes **Nathaniel**. There is nothing bad in him".

This startled **Nathaniel**, "How do you know me?"

Jesus replied, "I saw you under the tree, before **Philip** found you there."

"It's like **Philip** said, you really are the Son of God" **Nathaniel** declared.

Prayer Resource

Before the prayer, tell the children that we are going to thank God that he is our best friend. Prepare the children by telling them that during the prayer, they will have the opportunity to call out the name of someone they know who doesn't yet know Jesus.

Dear Jesus!

We all know you're great and we want to know you more. You want to know us too which is the best bit of all. You are our best friend and you really want to get to know all our friends too.

Help us all to tell our friends why we come to Kingsquad so that they can get to know you too (one by one, the children call out the name of someone who doesn't yet know Jesus as their friend))

(everybody shouts)

AMEN!!

The Prayer Drill

The person leading prayer starts by shouting out the numbers 1 to 5 . Each number has a different action.

1. Right arm out
2. Left arm out
3. Bend right arm to left shoulder.
4. Bend left arm to right shoulder
5. Bow head.



At the end of the prayer round off with everyone saying a big Amen. Spinning arm and ending with punching the air.

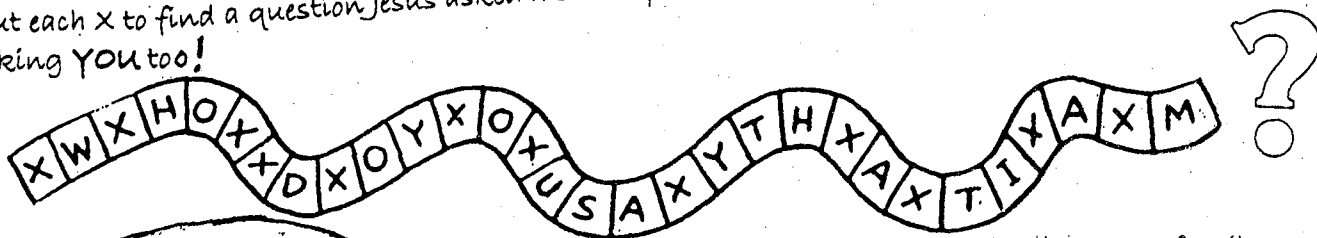
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAMEN !



Jesus loves us to tell others about him

I will pour out my spirit
In those days, and they will
Proclaim my message."

Black out each X to find a question Jesus asked his Disciples...
He is asking YOU too!



...Share what you think with your friends and family...



What do you think Philip
might say to Nathaniel?

...What is Nathaniel saying back?

Think about the people you know. Who can you tell about Jesus?